

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, substituting any amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending claim(s):

1. (Currently Amended) For use in a fixed wireless access network comprising a plurality of base stations capable of bidirectional time division duplex (TDD) communication with wireless access devices disposed at a plurality of subscriber premises, a radio frequency (RF) modem shelf comprising:

a first RF modem capable of communicating with a plurality of said wireless access devices using TDD frames, each TDD frame having an uplink for receiving data and a downlink for transmitting data; and

a modulation controller associated with said RF modem shelf capable of determining an optimum modulation configuration for each of said plurality of wireless access devices communicating with said first RF modem, wherein said modulation controller causes said first RF modem to transmit downlink data to a first wireless access device in a first data block having within a TDD frame using a first ~~optimum~~ modulation configuration and to transmit downlink data to a second wireless access device in a second data block having within said TDD frame using a different second ~~optimum~~ modulation configuration.

2. (Currently Amended) The RF modem shelf as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said modulation controller determines said first and second ~~optimum~~ modulation configurations based on channel conditions associated with channels used to communicate with said first and second wireless access devices.
3. (Original) The RF modem shelf as set forth in Claim 2 wherein said first modulation configuration comprises a first modulation format and said second modulation configuration comprises a different second modulation format.
4. (Original) The RF modem shelf as set forth in Claim 3 wherein said second modulation format is more complex than said first modulation format if channel conditions associated with a first channel used to communicate with said first wireless access device are noisier than channel conditions associated with a second channel used to communicate with said second wireless access device.
5. (Original) The RF modem shelf as set forth in Claim 4 wherein said first and second modulation formats comprise one of binary phase shift keying (BPSK), quadrature phase shift keying (QPSK), and 16 quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM).

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The RF modem shelf as set forth in Claim 3~~ For use in a fixed wireless access network comprising a plurality of base stations capable of bidirectional time division duplex (TDD) communication with wireless access devices disposed at a plurality of subscriber premises, a radio frequency (RF) modem shelf comprising:

a first RF modem capable of communicating with a plurality of said wireless access devices using TDD frames, each TDD frame having an uplink for receiving data and a downlink for transmitting data; and

a modulation controller associated with said RF modem shelf capable of determining an modulation configuration for each of said plurality of wireless access devices communicating with said first RF modem, wherein said modulation controller causes said first RF modem to transmit downlink data to a first wireless access device in a first data block having a first modulation configuration and to transmit downlink data to a second wireless access device in a second data block having a different second modulation configuration,

wherein said modulation controller determines said first and second modulation configurations based on channel conditions associated with channels used to communicate with said first and second wireless access devices,

wherein said first modulation configuration comprises a first modulation format and said second modulation configuration comprises a different second modulation format, and

wherein said first modulation configuration comprises a first forward error correction code level and said second modulation configuration comprises a different second forward error correction code level.

7. (Original) The RF modem shelf as set forth in Claim 6 wherein said first error correction code level is more complex than said second error correction code level if channel conditions associated with a first channel used to communicate with said first wireless access device are noisier than channel conditions associated with a second channel used to communicate with said second wireless access device.

8. (Original) The RF modem shelf as set forth in Claim 2 wherein said first modulation configuration comprises a first physical beam forming technique and said second modulation configuration comprises a different second physical beam forming technique.

9. (Currently Amended) A fixed wireless access network comprising:
- a plurality of base stations capable of bidirectional time division duplex (TDD) communication with wireless access devices disposed at a plurality of subscriber premises; and
 - a radio frequency (RF) modem shelf comprising:
 - a first RF modem capable of communicating with a plurality of said wireless access devices using TDD frames, each TDD frame having an uplink for receiving data and a downlink for transmitting data; and
 - a modulation controller associated with said RF modem shelf capable of determining an optimum modulation configuration for each of said plurality of wireless access devices communicating with said first RF modem, wherein said modulation controller causes said first RF modem to transmit downlink data to a first wireless access device in a first data block having within a TDD frame using a first optimum modulation configuration and to transmit downlink data to a second wireless access device in a second data block having within said TDD frame using a different second optimum modulation configuration.
10. (Currently Amended) The fixed wireless access network as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said modulation controller determines said first and second optimum modulation configurations based on channel conditions associated with channels used to communicate with said first and second wireless access devices.

11. (Original) The fixed wireless access network as set forth in Claim 10 wherein said first modulation configuration comprises a first modulation format and said second modulation configuration comprises a different second modulation format.

12. (Original) The fixed wireless access network as set forth in Claim 11 wherein said second modulation format is more complex than said first modulation format if channel conditions associated with a first channel used to communicate with said first wireless access device are noisier than channel conditions associated with a second channel used to communicate with said second wireless access device.

13. (Original) The fixed wireless access network as set forth in Claim 12 wherein said first and second modulation formats comprise one of binary phase shift keying (BPSK), quadrature phase shift keying (QPSK), and 16 quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM).

14. (Original) ~~The fixed wireless access network as set forth in Claim 10~~ A fixed wireless access network comprising:

a plurality of base stations capable of bidirectional time division duplex (TDD) communication with wireless access devices disposed at a plurality of subscriber premises; and

a radio frequency (RF) modem shelf comprising:

a first RF modem capable of communicating with a plurality of said wireless access devices using TDD frames, each TDD frame having an uplink for receiving data and a downlink for transmitting data; and

a modulation controller associated with said RF modem shelf capable of determining an modulation configuration for each of said plurality of wireless access devices communicating with said first RF modem, wherein said modulation controller causes said first RF modem to transmit downlink data to a first wireless access device in a first data block having a first modulation configuration and to transmit downlink data to a second wireless access device in a second data block having a different second modulation configuration,

wherein said modulation controller determines said first and second modulation configurations based on channel conditions associated with channels used to communicate with said first and second wireless access devices, and

wherein said first modulation configuration comprises a first forward error correction code level and said second modulation configuration comprises a different second forward error correction code level.

15. (Original) The fixed wireless access network as set forth in Claim 14 wherein said first error correction code level is more complex than said second error correction code level if channel conditions associated with a first channel used to communicate with said first wireless access device are noisier than channel conditions associated with a second channel used to communicate with said second wireless access device.

16. (Original) The fixed wireless access network set forth in Claim 10 wherein said first modulation configuration comprises a first physical beam forming technique and said second modulation configuration comprises a different second physical beam forming technique.